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**COVER PICTURE:** Forty youngsters from a Children's Home before leaving for a tour of the Cotswolds, which included tea at Broadway and a river trip at Evesham arranged by Old Hill Branch, Staffs.

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## notes & comment

### Everybody's Business

'EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS' WAS THE TITLE GIVEN to this year's conference called by the National Association for Mental Health. This was chosen to point the fact that though the treatment for mental illness may be started in hospital, its culmination and eventual cure for the patient can only take place in the community. Up and down the country much is being done both in and by Toc H and Toc H W.A. Branches to intensify concern for those seeking their return to community life, for above all they need full acceptance, that is love and security, from their fellow men. The more we can inform ourselves as to the emotional situation of the mentally sick and how our approach to them can best be made, the more fruitful will our concern be. As a help towards this, three meetings have been arranged to take place during the coming winter at Crutched Friars House, when the Principal Mental Welfare Officer for the L.C.C. will talk on this theme. The dates are Fridays October 13, November 24 and February 2. Light refreshments will be available from 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6.45 p.m.

### T.U.C. Honour

WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO TED INGLIS, A Portsmouth member, on the award of the T.U.C. Silver Badge for his 'outstanding services to the trade union movement'. We understand that there is only one Gold and one Silver Badge awarded each year, and the two recipients are selected from nine million members. Since he first went to Portsmouth in 1929 to take up an appointment with the Customs and Excise, Ted has proved himself a glutton for service, not only in the Civil Service Clerical Association, within which he has served at practically all levels, both national and local, but on very many other committees as well. He says that throughout these years of great activity Toc H has much helped him to 'think fairly' in the major problems of industrial relations. Although he retired on June 30, there is little likelihood of him taking things easy, for he plans to continue much of his local committee work and we hope that he will also still find time to give those racy and informative talks on "Smuggling through the ages".



## Remembrance Parade

LAST DECEMBER THIS PAGE COMMENTED ON the tiny T'oc H representation at the Cenotaph ceremony held in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday. We also ventured a suggestion that were it more widely known that younger members, with peace-time service as National Servicemen, were eligible to take part the response would be much greater. Now the time has come round to put this to the test. We are convinced that such a column, with young men predominating, would present an effective witness for the Movement whose remembrance of its fallen Elder Brethren has led to countless acts of love and service. The date of this year's Remembrance Parade is Sunday, November 12 and London and Home Counties members, both ex-National Service and ex-Servicemen of the two World Wars are warmly invited to obtain details by sending a post-card to the General Secretary at Headquarters.

## 'Debbie Go Home'

IN THE YEARS BEFORE ALAN PATON ACHIEVED world-wide recognition as a writer with the memorable *Cry, the Beloved Country*, he was for a considerable period the Principal of a South African reformatory. While there he instituted the system of 'graduated freedoms' which has since become the pattern for all reformatories within the Union of South Africa. Drawn from his own experiences during those earlier years, under the title, *Debbie Go Home* (Jonathan Cape, 9s. 6d.) he has now written a number of stories that range from the subtle-simple to the intensely dramatic. All of them are set in South Africa, his 'Beloved Country' and all are told in the plain, matter-of-fact style for which he is renowned. Other countries, including Britain, have their own Totsies and Debbies and there are other parallels which will not escape the reader.

## Old People's Welfare

THE NATIONAL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL recently celebrated its twenty-first birthday. Born in the early days of World War II with representatives from twenty voluntary organisations and a few experienced individuals, by the end of 1940 there were forty-four local old people's welfare committees. Today, there are more than 1,600 local committees and its own members include representatives of more than fifty national voluntary societies. The range of work has increased as impressively as the numbers and includes "Meals on Wheels" for the housebound and luncheon clubs for the active; organising chiropody services, sponsoring boarding-out schemes; promoting group holidays and handicraft classes, amateur dramatic societies and over-60 choirs and much else beside. One of the council's main concerns is to alter the far too prevalent way of thinking of the old as 'a problem' or as faceless ones with identical tastes and needs.

# When the Speaker failed to turn up

CYRIL CATTELL

IT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE and it would probably happen again; the speaker had cancelled his visit at short notice. The immediate concern of Fred, the Chairman, was how best to use the evening. In retrospect, all members of the Branch would agree that despite initial misgivings such 'do-it-yourself' evenings had invariably proved thoroughly worth while. There was the time, for instance, when Jim led that stimulating discussion on parts of Mayne Elson's excellent book entitled *Rediscovering Toc H*. What a tremendous lot there was to be rediscovered too! Then, on another occasion new insights into the underlying purpose of our jobmastery resulted from a study of Alec Churcher's *The Second Mile*. "Never knew there were such good books to be had in Toc H. Let's discuss some more together," said John—and they did. They were indeed fortunate in having a well-stocked Branch library.

But what was Fred thinking up for them *this* time? "I came across a very interesting phrase the other day," he said. "It went something like this. 'To be a friend is to be yourself for another person.' I've thought a lot about it since and I'm still not sure I know what the writer meant. Yet it's rather shattering isn't it to think that true friendship is going to demand such complete self-revelation? No wonder we hold back and are sometimes unwilling to be committed this far."

Bill chipped in with, "Look here, Fred, snap out of it, aren't you painting this in rather heavy colours? Surely the service we give as members of Toc H in the community automatically means that we are making new friends all the time." "Well," continued Fred, "this chap had something to say about service and motives for service too. It was this. 'The standpoint of service is bound up with duty, and in friendship duty disappears. Duty, in fact, fades right out of the picture in the Christian point of life. Suppose a friend came to you when you were ill, would you be satisfied to

know he came because it was his duty to come? Would you not rather feel the one thing needful was lacking? In friendship the personal things—warmth and intimacy of feeling—must be the springs of action.’”

“What you are saying,” followed George, the newest member present, “is that it *is* possible for us to carry out jobs of service without ever being brought fully into a personal relationship with someone else. Is that it?” “Yes,” replied Fred. “‘doing jobs’ is not always the same as ‘making friends’ yet I believe the latter should at all times be the point of departure for our service. Without it we shall probably miss the whole meaning of Toc H.”

“This same writer—and you need not be put off by the knowledge that he is a Professor of Philosophy; he certainly knows what he’s talking about—and his name is John MacMurray, he had some other rather disturbing things to say. Listen to this, ‘Make service your centre, with its laws and duties and self-sacrifice, and life is a bondage. Make friendship the centre and life is freedom. . . . Christianity is the religion of friendship. The measure of our Christianity is the reality and depth of our friendship with men and women. Do you think that is too simple and easy? Simple it is, but not easy. *There is nothing we fear more than friendship, nothing that strikes more terror into us than freedom. . . .*’ “If this seems a strange saying it must be because we confuse friendship with friendliness. Friendliness is not to be despised, but it is only the imitation of friendship and a poor substitute for the real thing. . . . Friendship knows no reservations. . . . To be a friend is to be yourself for another person. . . . It means committing yourself completely and revealing yourself without reserve. . . . It means putting all your cards on the table and taking the consequences. . . . It means stark reality between persons without pretence or sentimentality. . . . How many of us could bear to be found out completely for what we are by someone else? Most of us shrink from finding ourselves out. Even with our intimates we wear a mask and insist on their wearing one. We have tastes and decencies and dignities that we must defend, and all of them are defences against friendship. . . . There are amongst us those who are willing to spend time and thought and strength and money in the service of others in order to retain the isolation of our own personality, to conceal as it were the fraud we are



guilty of in refusing to give ourselves. All that service is of no avail. What men need from us is love, not moving acts; friendship, not friendly services."

It was now young Andrew's turn. "I don't know about the rest of you, but as far as I'm concerned this has really got me thinking—unaccustomed exercise though it is. I'd personally like to leave it there for tonight otherwise it may all turn out to be just so many words. I want to go on thinking about it at home and decide how best I can put it into practice—or, if you like, make the words real in action. Nevertheless I'd like you, Fred, to know how deeply grateful I am for the lead you have given us tonight. I'm almost as grateful to our planned speaker for not turning up!"

Murmurings of agreement satisfied Fred that Andrew was speaking for them all. He was quite happy at having 'started something'. Who could say where it would lead?

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## At the Crossroads

ALAN HAWKINS

**M**OST OF US at some time or another, have enjoyed the experience of wandering through country lanes amid delightful scenery. The lane may have meandered and we have not been altogether sure that we were going in the right direction. Then we have come to a crossroads and, to our relief, have discovered a signpost pointing to the way that we should go. Of course, it still did not tell us the condition of the lane or of the new vistas that would open up before us. We still had the choice of running or walking. We might even have tried a short cut and as a result become stuck in the mud—it often proves longer in the end.

Toc H is losing much of its potential energy at the present time because so many of us have come to just such a crossroads. For a variety of reasons we seem to have lost our way and are not even sure that we are travelling in the right direction—indeed, many of us do not appear to be making any headway at all! Whether it can be attributed to lack of training or inadequate sponsorship, we are not as knowledgeable as we might be about this Movement to which we be-

long. We lack any real sense of purpose, and our Branch life often leaves much to be desired. We carry on in the same slap-happy fashion and bemoan our inability to attract new blood.

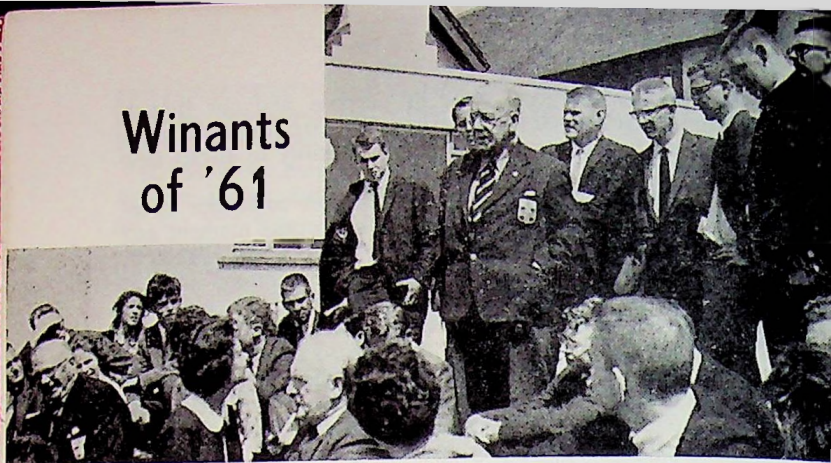
The new edition of *The Toc H Signpost* could not therefore have been published at a more opportune moment and will, I am sure, provide the answer to many of our problems. Let me hasten to add, however, that it does not and is never intended to provide all the answers. This is no rule book laying down what we shall or shall not do in Toc H (God forbid that Toc H should ever become so stereotyped). This book lives up to its name and points to the general direction that we should take—be it in such matters as Race Relations; the question of when a member is in 'good standing'; or the use of 'Legalized Gambling' for money raising. In each case the final course is left to the consciences of the individual Branch members in the hope that they will discuss and 'find their own convictions'.

No attempt has been made in this edition to interpret the duties of Branch Officers but rather to bring to the membership as a whole, factual information on all phases of the Movement. In fact this is the most comprehensive reference book on Toc H affairs that I have ever seen and we are indebted to the compiler and contributors for covering such a wide field in such a readable and interesting manner. Short of printing the index, it would be impossible to cover all the subjects contained therein—ranging from hints on the formation of new groups to the procedure for closing dead Branches; from running Branch meetings to the selection of men to serve at District and Area level; from the Old House to Dor Knap together with other valuable information.

The article on 'Sponsors' leaves no doubt whatsoever as to where lies their duty and they should find this volume of great assistance in preparing themselves for the task of teaching the prospective member. In addition, I am convinced that if every member were to read the chapter on 'Money Matters' and act upon it, our financial worries would be over.

This new edition of *The Toc H Signpost* is a first-rate job and a 'must' for every Branch and group. In addition, I am sure that all who aspire to serve the Movement in any capacity or who have Office thrust upon them, will find a personal copy of invaluable assistance. At five bob, it is an excellent investment and, properly used, can confidently be expected to pay valuable dividends. Don't delay—order today!

## Winants of '61



Tubby talks with this year's Winant Volunteers in Scotland

### KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE

ON JULY 5 the 1961 Winant Volunteers were welcomed to London at a tea party held, thanks to the kindness of the Misses ALEXANDER, in the beautiful garden of Aubrey House, Kensington. The sixty-five young Americans came to spend six weeks making friends with the members of some thirty London youth clubs and of eight clubs in Bristol.

This, the largest-ever group of Winant Volunteers, arrived at Prestwick Airport on June 24, and were taken straight to



Winant Volunteers and friends at the Kensington tea party





Bishop Stephen Bayne, with Mrs. Christopher Soames in the Chair, supported by General Sir Humphrey Gale and Tubby, welcomes the Winant Volunteers

the island of Iona for their 'orientation period'. There they were given an opportunity to prepare for their work in London, and to get to know each other. They also faced weather conditions which were rigorous even by British standards, and attempted to accustom themselves to the idea of drinking tea every two hours.

Following this brief period of preparation the Winant Volunteers travelled south to immerse themselves in the varied work of the organisations in London and Bristol to which they were assigned, and the month of July saw a number of unusual happenings in these clubs.

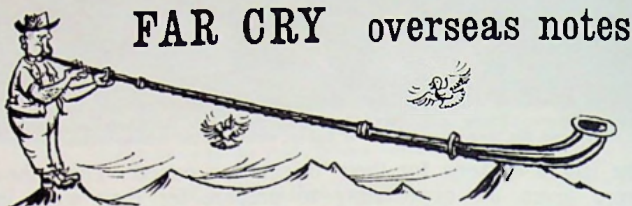
A new photography group was started at the Bruce Youth Club in Bethnal Green. Nothing unusual in that, except for the fact that it was started by an eighteen-year-old Texan.

On July 4 the Ilford Jewish Youth Club held a discussion on the riots at last year's Jazz Festival in Newport, Rhode Island—led by eighteen-year-old MALCOLM STARR, whose home is in Newport, and who was present at the Festival.

July 28 saw the performance of a musical show at the Christ Church United Clubs in Kennington. The show was written and produced by twenty-year-old LADY ANNE CHAMBERLAIN of Beaumont, Texas, and eighteen-year-old Californian, STEPHEN MOST.

The Winant Volunteers participated in a wide variety of activities, from debating to decorating, from canoeing to cricket. But valuable as these activities were, the importance of their visit lay in the personal relationships they were able

to establish with the many young people with whom they came in contact. For their real job was simply to make friends. Although the Winant Volunteers return home on September 8, the relationships they have made will not be broken, but will be maintained by correspondence for many years to come.

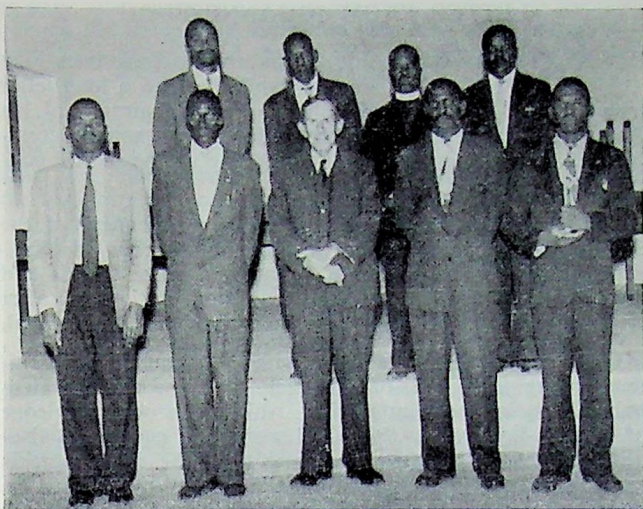


Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN

### FIRST INITIATIONS IN HIGHFIELDS

The night of Monday, May 8, 1961, will go down in the annals of Toc H in Central Africa as an important date in the history of the Movement, for on that night in the hall of the Machipiso Secondary School in Highfields African Township the first African members of Toc H within the Federation were initiated. Our honorary Commissioner, Sir ROBERT TREDGOLD, officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by DENNIS ETHEREDGE and representatives and well-wishers from C.A.E. District Team, and all Branches in Salisbury.

The Chairman of the Highfields group, JIMMIE TRAILL, opened the meeting by introducing a series of speakers who each spoke for three minutes, tracing the history of Toc H in Highfields from the first tentative approaches at the beginning of 1959, through the days of the Toc H Club (from the middle of 1959 until October 1960) when the Highfields group was inaugurated. Others spoke of the present group and two of the younger members concluded by looking into the future. Among the speakers were STEVE HERBERT and TED RAUBENHEIMER, who were on the original committee which started the Movement in Highfields. It was unfortunate that Padre NOEL BORERWE, whose enthusiasm



The Hon. Commissioner for Central Africa with members of Highfields group. (l. to r.) Back Row: Thomas Nhari, Matthew Magorinda, Rev. A. Chirwa, William Musewe. Front Row: Aaron Mizha, Isaiah Chango, Sir Robert Tredgold, Simpson Karonga and Loremore Chirime

had been a great factor in the success of the preparatory work, was not with us to see the result of all his labours.

Sir ROBERT TREDGOLD recalled how several years ago Toc H in Central Africa had recognised that it could not close its door to men of other races without betraying the principles on which it was founded. However, many practical difficulties (not the least a lack of a common language) and prejudices and attitudes had to be overcome.

He pointed out that Toc H demanded much from its members, who all had to prove themselves during a probationary period before initiation. Because of this it was never destined to become a popular Movement.

Addressing the new members directly, Sir Robert emphasised that Toc H membership brought dedication with responsibilities. He used the Bible story of Gideon's choice of a small but good army, selected through various tests and eliminations under God's guidance, as a parallel to the choice of Toc H members. The new members would find a bond that only participation and experience would enable them really to understand.

ROLAND MORGAN.



## LETTER FROM JOHANNESBURG

A SHORT WHILE AGO I was able to look over Don McKenzie's shoulder while he read a long letter from JOHN GOLDFINCH of Johannesburg. Chairman of his Area. John was reporting on the various plans, some successful and some still in embryo, for stepping up the service contribution of Toc H.

For instance at the request of the Superintendent of the Sterkfontein Mental Hospital members of Florida and Krugersdorp visit the hospital each month to make friends and give whatever personal help they can, both during and after treatment. They also plan to form a group at the hospital.

Other units are equally active with the coloured communities; among young and old, the sick, the blind and the alcoholic. Many of those enterprises, which with our knowledge of what is involved in "personal work" we can easily visualise, are of fairly long standing, but all the same there is evidently a strong feeling in the Area that more must be done to meet the present situation. To this end efforts are being made to start forms of service such as a few members of Rosebank Branch and the Lunch Hour group are beginning at the Donaldson Centre, Orlando.

The activities of this centre cover a wide field from boxing, weightlifting, and housecrafts to ballroom dancing and choral work. The activities are run by the Africans themselves but they lack experienced leadership and have shown a real desire for help in raising the standard of their activities and starting further groups at the Centre.

They welcome help in any form of sport, the practice and study of leadership, arts and crafts and even with assistance in such subjects as book-keeping, shorthand and typing. They also welcome talks and discussions on such matters as everyday legal problems, hygiene, etc. Their feeling is that the Centre could become the point from which these activities could be spread throughout the townships. The activities usually take place in the evenings between 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. and at week-ends.

This scheme can provide opportunities for members to work *with* Africans rather than for them: for interested non-members in getting alongside Africans; for helping Africans

to help themselves and to provide them with social interests outside the home. Although this has only been started in a small way, it is hoped that it will continue to develop and expand.

**Q** The Area is obviously engaged in a wide variety of good jobs and although none of the units concerned would deny that their intentions are beset with discouraging difficulties the will to overcome setbacks and to make good their intentions is clearly there.

### DON McKENZIE

This photograph is of DON McKENZIE, Hon. Commissioner of Toc H in South Africa. With his wife, Betty, he spent from May to August among Toc H in Britain and they were an absolute tonic to all of us who met them. One can now understand how such a terrific undertaking as the Botha's Hill T.B. Settlement could come about and continue. They have left their mark in Scotland, the Midlands, in the South and the West; members from many countries overseas who shared with them a long week-end at Talbot House, Poperinge, returned to their Branches the richer for their gaiety and inspiration. We hope that they, in turn, derived benefit from their whirlwind visit.



*'Skegg' Blanchard*

Don on the roof of Headquarters

Gratitude to him and Betty is more easily felt than expressed and our gratitude comes not only for what they have given so freely to their African friends in Natal but also to us in this country. We have experienced the warmth of a great personality and the warmth will be felt for a long time to come.

## ***A New Journal Competition***

# **‘CONCERNING TOC H’**

During this next twelve months, readers are being asked to submit original articles for publication in the JOURNAL.

As long as it has a bearing on Toc H, the subject matter can be serious or light-hearted, factual or imaginary, short or long (with a maximum length of approximately 500 words).

All entries for the Competition, which should be marked ‘Concerning Toc H’, will be considered by an Editorial Panel, and those deemed suitable given a distinguishing mark ★ and printed in the JOURNAL.

Every Branch and group is asked to spend a little time each month to consider the articles and decide which has the greatest interest for them. Their decision to be noted by a ‘Scorer’ appointed for the year.

At the conclusion of the Competition, the ‘Scorer’ will ask the other members to compare the eleven articles they have chosen and to decide by vote which they consider the most outstanding.

On the basis of Branch and group votes received, the writer of the highest-placed entry will be entitled to nominate any Branch or group he chooses to receive an award of £5 5s. 0d. for the unit funds.

The Competition commences in this number with the printing of D. Hughes’ article *Thought or Feeling?* on the following page.





Here is the first entry to be printed  
in the Competition 'Concerning Toc H'  
on the page opposite

# Thought or Feeling ?

D. HUGHES

HAVING EXTRICATED MYSELF from the welter of remedies recommended by Central Council for the ills of Toc H, could we spare a few moments to have a look at the components which go to make up the final assembly, which components may conveniently be called Human Beings.

These come in all shapes, sizes, and weights, but all are involved in this matter, and in Toc H we seem to know singularly little about them. The old do not understand the young, and the young do not understand the old. The males do not understand very clearly their opposite numbers in the Women's organisation, and as things are at the moment, it seems fairly clear they never will.

It is not possible to recruit large numbers of young men into Toc H because there is no meeting point. We must allow them time to develop and mature, and anyone who may think it possible for older men to prise the young away from his secure anchorage of youth and relaxation and persuade him to launch himself into a programme of activities with a crowd of strangers, is completely out of touch with the youth of our day.

It takes a very long time, a great deal of knowledge, and a lot of patience to get to know adolescents in these days. The adolescent young man needs us more than anything else, provided we ask no questions, stay in the background, and just be there. He or she accepts the voice of authority, but it must be genuine.

The ranks of the young, like the ranks of the old, have their share of humanitarians, their quota of intellectuals, and the lovers of truth and beauty, but they are still in the bud stage, and it is to those that have come into bloom we should turn our attention. The majority have entered the ranks of affluence, and bear all the marks. A wife, a new house, a car, a full-time job for both, and the obligations that

go with affluence. They can dispense with parental security, for they have a new security of their own, and it is in this stage that we have a greater hope of recruitment.

Why, you may ask, was it possible to recruit when you were a young man? The simple answer surely is that we needed Toc H, and since Toc H has changed so little, can we command others to love their neighbours? How many young men and young women are there today who can see the need to set up a new Kingdom, when most of them believe they are already living in one, by comparison with the old.

This is not to say that Toc H has done its job, or is defunct. But it does seem that Toc H in the future will appeal mainly to middle-aged people, accepting without dissent the telling of the story of Toc H, not caring whether they are called probationers, New Chums (save us all), cadets, or anything else. They will need Toc H, and that is the main reason for the majority of people joining anything.

So could we now begin to express thought instead of feeling in our concern for our future, and not feel that immaturity, inexperience, and adolescent expression is absolutely vital to our survival. I would point to remarks of Jesus to a member of His circle. When we are young, it is possible to cope with everything single-handed, but as the years go by, some help is needed; but that is no justification for abandoning love, or to forsake the sheep and the lambs, or indeed we might add, to change the terms, and try to deceive ourselves, much more, those who are to follow us.

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## ‘They work as a Team...’

COLIN CAMPBELL

**P**RIDEAUX HOUSE (Mark III) is taking swift and stimulating shape. In more ways than one it is rapidly becoming a Hackney landmark. Rumour has it that even the architect is hard pressed to keep pace with the contractors.

It is surely significant that one of the latter's directors, acknowledging a tribute to the progress they are making, expressed the belief that this was so good because "it is

such a happy job". In these days of so much industrial strife and bickering it is right and proper that any Toc H job should set a standard of team work and co-operation, not least in the building of our own House. It augurs well for the future of Prideaux House that the builders recognise the spirit in which it was conceived and constructed.

### **Goodwill and Helpfulness**

There could be no finer symbol of the goodwill and helpfulness of the local Council, to whom we are greatly indebted, than the craftsmanship and leadership of Alderman ALFRED HEATH as one of the 'building operatives'. One local paper headlined its report of the stone laying by his successor as Mayor, Councillor Mrs. SALLY SHERMAN, "Sally lays the Stone but Alf lays the Bricks!" He typifies the dignity of labour and we shall be proud to have his portrait "on the job" hanging in the "Borough Room" which his own appeal to the Borough financed.

And Rabbi Dr. JOSEPH, living just around the corner, sums up the hopes and faith of us all. Writing to tell us that "some of my Christian clerical colleagues and a few leading lay personalities of both Communities are in the process of considering the formation of a local branch of the Council of Christians and Jews" he goes on to express the belief that "in co-operation with Toc H it could do a tremendous amount of good, spiritually and socially, to promote the happiness and progress of Christians and Jews living in such close proximity in Hackney."

### **Vision and Reality**

"I hope you do not think me a visionary," he wrote, "but I am looking forward with confidence to real spiritual benefits as a result of the magnificent building which is visibly growing outside my window." We told him that we did indeed think him a visionary for it was the visionaries that saw reality.

With such faith and such friends behind us we can have no doubts that by the time the final account is rendered the funds will be there to meet it and a goodly inheritance will await the first picked team of Marksmen. We need something more than £1,000 a month from now to completion. We have the confidence of precedent to expect it.



# Week at Spurn Point

DAVID W. PALLETT

THE CONTINUED PRESENCE of a colony of *Little Terns* made the first attempt to get a party of sixteen boys and two masters from Coalville Grammar School (Leicestershire) for a week's hard work, rough living and nature study at Spurn Point an abortive one. However, with full encouragement from all quarters this same party, in late July, eventually peered, from their motor coach, through pouring rain and thick mist to discern dimly their 'home' for the week—the lonely promontory which forms the tip of South East Yorkshire at the mouth of the Humber. It was here that these boys were to pioneer the 1961 Toc H schools scheme of helping the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust make various alterations and improvements to their Bird Observatory—the area of the Spurn Peninsular.

Amidst dilapidated army huts (the area was formerly an Army camp), sand-dunes, buckthorn bushes and spartina grasses, these boys found 'home' for a week. The fact that no water was available other than from one tap (having been piped 300 yards), that lighting was only by hurricane lamps, that most of the windows of the building they were to live in were broken, and that walls were damp and plaster ready to fall—none of these aspects of primitive conditions seemed to quench the spirit of the boys to 'make the place go'—both by hard work and music! If it had not been for the herculean tasks of several Toc H stalwarts the conditions, previous to the arrival of this party, would have been even worse!

Reveille at six, breakfast and domestic chores until nine, a day's hard work clearing rubble from ex-army huts, moving drifting sand off the roadway, rebuilding Heligoland traps, with possibly an evening lecture on ornithology—such was the daily routine of this group of volunteers. Incessantly driving them to even greater efforts in all their tasks was the unquenchable energy of REG STEWART—our staff secretary for Scotland, who was in charge of the Spurn camp. And from the ex-army wood-fired stove in the kitchen of the former



*S. Stacey and Son, Coalville*

The party of sixteen senior boys of King Edward VII Grammar School, Coalville, before leaving for Spurn Point. (l. to r.) Back row: The Headmaster, Mr. W. E. Hayward, 'Skipper' Emmerson, D.C.M., J.P., and (r.) the two masters who went with the party, Mr. Peter L. Ginns and Mr. David W. Pallett, the writer of this account of the venture

officers mess came the home-produced energy to enable the work to proceed—piping-hot stew, macaroni cheese, porridge by the dish-full and the inevitable prunes—twenty-five per man!

Life, however, was not all hard work for the Coalville boys. Very interesting visits were made to the nearby Lifeboat Station—the only permanently fully-manned station in the country—to the Coastguard Station and Lighthouse. Pleasant interludes occurred whilst the Press, etc. were received, which reached its climax by the appearance of the working party on Television.

At a personal cost of only £2 these boys had experienced a week of fellowship and comradeship, had given much in physical toil but had gained a new approach to the ideals of life—in short, they found (and partially produced themselves) the true spirit of Toc H. Such was the enthusiasm that these fifth and sixth formers (many of them on the threshold of University careers) had for their week at Spurn that six boys returned again, under their own steam, to find new tasks and fellowship with boys from other schools during the August Bank Holiday week. The remainder look eagerly to the future for new projects—other Spurn Points!

## **'FOCUS ON TOC H'**

Photographic Competition closes October 2  
Now is the time to send in your entry

# MULTUM IN PARVO

## much in little



✠ THE FOUNDER PADRE will be travelling at the end of September to the United States for three weeks and then to Canada.

✠ JOHN CALLF, who went into hospital on June 22 as the result of a coronary thrombosis, has made a good recovery and is now convalescent. He may be allowed to return to his duties as Administrator in a few weeks' time but with a restricted programme.

✠ TIM TOBIAS has left the Oxford & Thames Valley Area to study for Holy Orders. The Hon. Area Correspondent is DERICK F. PARSONS, 29 St. Mark's Rd., Maidenhead, Berks.

✠ DAVID FREESTON is leaving the London Areas Staff to study at Southampton University.

✠ Three young members have been welcomed to Toc H Services work in Germany: MICHAEL NEWBOULT (West Hull), ROBIN MURPHY (Pembury) and DAVID BEAVER (Woking); also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. EDWARDS.

✠ The CENTRAL EXECUTIVES of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association will hold a joint meeting on October 28.

✠ The FINANCIAL YEAR of Toc H ends on October 31. Branch Treasurers will be asked to comply with the law by sending a statement of receipts and payments to their Hon. Area Treasurer soon after then.

✠ The WESTERN AREA CENTRE at Bristol will be opened by Tubby on September 16.

✠ The BEDS. & HERTS. Rally at St. Albans on September 23.

✠ The FOUR SHIRES Family Gathering at Oldham, Lancs., on September 30.

✠ The YORKSHIRE Conference at Scarborough and the SOUTH-WESTERN at Westward Ho! on September 30 and October 1.

✠ The NORTH WALES Conference at Rhyl and the EAST ANGLIAN at Overstrand on October 7 and 8.

✠ The FESTIVAL OF MUSIC at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on November 11.

✠ The WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT at 9 p.m. on December 11 west of Dor Knap to the Pacific and on December 12 from New Zealand west to Dor Knap.

✠ The address of Headquarters for cables from overseas is 'TALBOTOUSO LONDON EC3' (two words).



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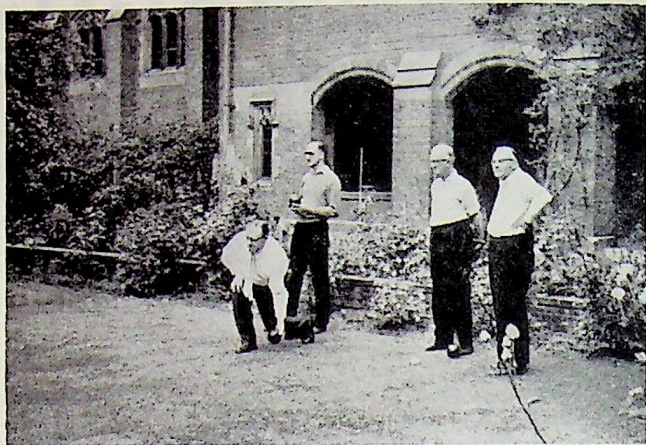
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# Games and Athletics

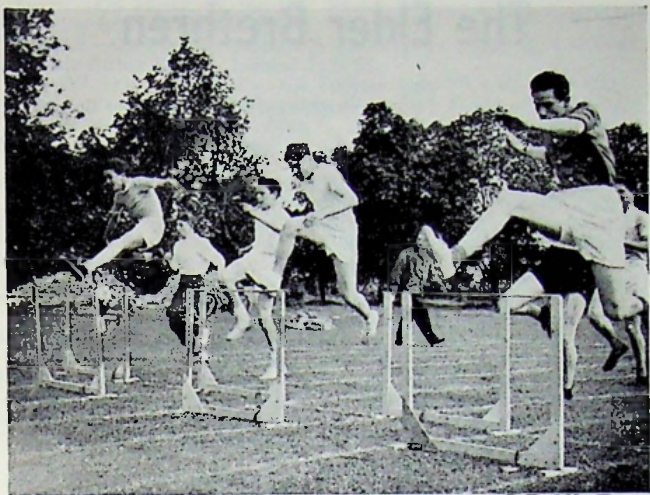


**BOWLS.** An interlude at the Staff Conference. 'Inky' Bean bowling a crafty one watched by George Lee, Jack Shaw and Fred Brooker



**RUGBY.** Scrum forming. The front row of London Toc II fifteen getting down to it





*Bedfordshire Times*

**HURDLES.** Competitors in the tenth annual children's Sports Day, organised by Sandy Branch



*Kent and Sussex Courier*

**FOOTBALL.** The Wadhurst team, sponsored by Wadhurst Branch, worthy winners for the second time of the Ticehurst League, Divn. I trophy



# The Elder Brethren

AYRISS.—On May 3, JAMES AYRISS, aged 54, a member of Broughton Astley Branch. Elected 19.12.'50.

BALD.—On June 13, WILLIAM BALD, aged 51, a member of Oakley Branch. Elected 1.3.'51.

BEDDOES.—On June 6, EMMANUEL BEDDOES, aged 75, a member of Bishop's Castle Branch. Elected 10.3.'48.

CHANTER.—On July 3, GILBERT JOHN CHANTER, aged 63, a member of Lapford Branch. Elected 21.1.'48.

DART.—Suddenly, on June 8, the Rev. Canon JOHN LOVERING CAMPBELL DART, aged 81, a former member of Paris Branch. Elected 29.11.'35.

DAVIES.—In May, HERBERT CRABBE DAVIES, a North Wales Area member. Elected 23.4.'30.

DUNN.—On May 4, LEWIS DUNN, aged 71, a founder member of Bedlington Branch. Elected 13.3.'46.

EARL.—On June 14, HENRY EARL, aged 82, a member of Bexley Branch. Elected 1.7.'38.

EDWARDS.—On May 23, RICHARD EDWARDS, aged 65, a member of Rhyl South Branch. Elected 28.2.'61.

FISHER.—On June 25, STANLEY FISHER, aged 62, a member of South Shore, Blackpool, Branch. Elected 5.7.'40.

FOLLEY.—In April, the Rev. WILLIAM HENRY FOLLEY, M.M., aged 68, a member of Nantwich Branch. Elected 12.3.'52.

GULL.—On June 9, EDWARD MANICO GULL, aged 78, formerly Hon. Overseas Commissioner for China.

HAWKES.—On March 27, GEORGE HAWKES, aged 73, a member of Chard Branch. Elected March, 1954.

HUGHES.—On June 2, ALBERT EDWARD HUGHES, aged 58, a Manchester Area member. Elected 7.3.'33.

INGRAM.—On June 30, STANLEY O. A. INGRAM, aged 67, a member of Eynsford Branch. Elected 15.8.'34.

JACKSON.—On June 1, BYATT JOSEPH JACKSON ('Peter'), aged 81, a member of Ashted Branch. Elected 18.6.'31.

LUKE.—On June 8, FRANK FRY LUKE, aged 75, a founder member of Wellington Branch (Somerset). Elected 22.11.'29.

MADER.—Suddenly, on June 15, CHARLES ALFRED MADER, aged 47, a member of Chelsea Branch. Elected 16.11.'53.

MARTIN.—On June 13, Lt.-Colonel Sir ROBERT EDMUND MARTIN, C.M.G., T.D., V.L., aged 86, formerly chairman of the East Midlands Area Executive, a Vice-President of Toc H since 1934. Elected 1.3.'32.

MAWLE.—Suddenly, on June 21, GEORGE LEONARD EUGENE MAWLE, aged 65, a member of Sandwell Branch. Elected 1.11.'28.

MOULD.—On June 21, the Rev. DAVID HENRY STANLEY MOULD, an East Midlands Area member. Elected 1.1.'25.

PITT.—On June 5, WILLIAM LAWRENCE RICHARD PITT, aged 62, a member of Lymington Branch. Elected 15.1.'30.

PULLING.—On May 24, CHARLES LESLIE PULLING, aged 62, a member of Pickhurst Green Branch. Elected 6.12.'35.

ROBERTS.—On June 4, Alderman EDWARD JOHN ROBERTS, M.B.E., J.P., aged 71, a member of Welshpool Branch. Elected 13.3.'56.

SMITH.—On March 16, the Rev. FRANK GERALD SMITH, a member of Helston Branch. Elected 1.1.'47.

TEMPLE.—On June 25, WILLIAM WALKER TEMPLE, aged 76, a member of Northallerton Branch. Elected 21.9.'55.

THOMAS.—On May 11, WILLIAM THOMAS, aged 85, a former member of Plymouth and Gourock Branches. Elected 19.10.'28.

TREGENZA.—Suddenly, on June 7, WILLIAM TREGENZA, aged 54, a member of Hoylake & West Kirby Branch. Elected 10.1.'45.

TOWNSEND.—On May 14, Prebendary JAMES HENRY TOWNSEND, aged 82, a member of Glastonbury Branch. Elected 30.11.'36.

TURLEY.—On May 27, WILLIAM GEORGE TURLEY, aged 67, a member of Looe Branch. Elected 22.8.'50.

VASS.—On May 13, JOSEPH VICTOR VASS, aged 73, a member of Luton Branch. Elected 1.10. '24.

WALTON.—On June 24, THOMAS HAROLD WALTON, aged 62, the chairman of Tower Hill Branch. Elected 5.5.'55.

WARD.—On June 12, RICHARD WARD, J.P., aged 67, a founder member of Longtown Branch. Elected 5.5.'49.

WILLIS.—On May 29, HENRY WILLIS, aged 69, a member of Fakenham Branch. Elected 9.2.'61.

WHEATER.—On May 26, JOHN GLADSTONE WHEATER, aged 49, a founder member of Rotherham Branch. Elected 5.2.'29.

## In Memoriam

### CHARLES MADER

Chelsea Branch mourn the loss of a very dear friend and brother in the sudden death of Charles Mader at the early age of forty-seven. Starting life in a Solicitor's office, Charles returned to Derbyshire where, during the depression of the 30's, he fell on hard times. It was during this period that Toc H came to his aid bringing new hope and life when things had never looked so black. After the war Charles took up mental nursing as a career, till a call came from the firm which his father and brother had already served, to act as caretaker of a large office block. It was while working there that he died.

On returning to London Charles joined Chelsea Branch in the early 50's. He soon became the guiding spirit in the broadcasting of League Football matches from Stamford Bridge and later from Fulham to local hospitals. He took his full share of running commentaries and acted as secretary and treasurer to the Football Sub-Committee. His outstanding and energetic personality won him friends in the Chelsea Supporters' Club who subscribed to this venture. He regularly visited the hospitals to which he broadcast and made friends among the patients who warmly appreciated personal messages to those unable to watch football in person. On top of all this Charles paid his rent as compère to the Branch's monthly parties for old people, by whom he will be sadly missed.

C.P. & E.F.



# OPEN HUSTINGS

## readers' letters



*The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.*

### Home-made Blankets

I FEEL SURE that many readers would be interested in a scheme for sending warm, home-made blankets to refugees who so badly need them in many parts of the world. These blankets should be made of 6-inch (approx.) squares and sewn into cot blankets 3-feet by 4-feet or larger. Odds and ends of wool of any colour can be used.

Many Branches could put out this work to the old and sick folk they visit, for there are lots of housebound people who would be only too glad to feel that, in spite of their age or disabilities, they are still able to do something really useful.

Finished blankets only should be sent to: Oxford Shipping Depot, c/o Messrs. Smith & Herbert, Ltd., 122-124 Golden Lane, London, E.C.1. Please enclose name and address with the gift, so that its safe receipt can be acknowledged.

KEN ALEXANDER.

*Rustall,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.*

### Film Units

I HAVE been asked by the Editor of *Film User* (himself a Toc H member) to write an article on Toc H film units, and would be very grateful for as much information as possible

from those who either make or show films.

Points he would like stressed are "the diversity of the work they undertake, to what purpose the films are put and the part played by the "amateur" cameraman—if this point can be linked with "Service"." I would also like to know the age of the unit, any humorous anecdotes, details of difficulties overcome, in fact anything of interest from the method of transport to that of keeping records.

Would units be kind enough to send them to me at the address below before September 23, if at all possible.

Thank you very much.

BILL BIRD.

*21, Culverden Park Road,  
Tunbridge Wells,  
Kent.*

### Winter Weekends

WE would like to recommend to readers a weekend at Dor Knap during the coming winter. Last year we ran a moderately successful weekend during January, and as a result, we are this year repeating our exercise on a more ambitious scale.

Our plans this year are for an "open" weekend November 17-19, at which Alec Churcher has promised to be the Guest Speaker. With another weekend January 19-21, 1962, primarily.



but not solely, for the East London and South East London Areas. We would be very pleased to welcome any younger members or potential members at either of these weekends, or to give any help we can to members who would like to run a weekend for their own Branch, District or Area.

Last year whilst planning our weekend, we heard various fears expressed about the advisability of spending a weekend in the middle of winter at Dor Knap. We are pleased to be able to say that all these fears were unfounded, as most people who have visited the house will know it faces South-West and is protected on its North and East sides by Broadway Hill.

If you are interested in our idea of a winter weekend, either for yourself, your Area, or perhaps to recommend to a younger member, please write to: Ted Southwick, 24, Garden Road, Northfleet, Kent. We will be pleased to hear from you.

If you think we may be able to help you in any way we hope you will contact us, we do not claim to be experts, just ordinary members who have attended weekends and have run weekends at Dor Knap.

TED SOUTHWICK,  
*Northfleet, Kent.*

M. BOULTON,  
*Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.*

## New Builders

I HAVE read with the greatest interest the Annual Report of Toc H in our April JOURNAL and feel we, as members, can do much better in the recruitment of Builders. One Builder per year to every five Branches is not good enough. Resolutions, ideals and such like are useless

if we, as ordinary members, fail to take our coats off and individually go into action. Leaving it to the other fellow and scratching each other's backs gets us nowhere.

I have placed on the Agenda of our next District Team Meeting, a proposal that each Branch present organises a Builders' Month, such month being the one best suited to their requirements. During that month the Branch pledge themselves to enroll *ONE NEW BUILDER*: no excuses accepted. I would like to see this scheme adopted throughout our 927 Branches—this would result in bringing in a tremendous increase in revenue and stimulate a much wider interest in others to know more about Toc H and what we do at Branch level. The scheme to be put into operation during 1961.

Having issued the challenge to all Branches it only remains for me to get operational myself, and so in 1961, I shall personally enroll one or more new Builders.

STAN EMERY.

## Toc H Phraseology

ON the changing of Toc H Phraseology; is such a step justified, can we say in all conscience that it is necessary, or just panic?

My membership extends over two years, contrary to popular opinion here in the North-East. I am an average individual. I can understand and appreciate fully the phraseology of Toc H. To change it will only create sadness and dissension amongst those who are fortunate enough to recall the birth of Toc H and vividly remember our Elder Brethren; it defames the memory of such men!

Toc H cannot be so foreign a Movement that it cannot be explained. We spend too much time and effort in soul searching and being introspective. Are we not being a little too much concerned with ourselves and too little about our real function?

BILL BAINS.

*Millfield, Durham.*

I NOTE from among the matters before the last Central Council Meeting the desire for new phraseology, and especially that a substitute be found for the word 'probationer'.

Your appeal in the current JOURNAL for suggestions in the latter respect prompts this letter. Having turned over in my mind the many possibilities which present themselves, the only expressions I would wish to pass on for serious consideration are:

'Helper', 'Newt', 'Fresher', 'Breeze' or 'Fresh-Breeze'.

The term 'Fresher' is perhaps ruled out because of its Varsity use; on the other hand, I like the idea of a 'fresh breeze' coming in to 'change the air', but I have doubts as to the ready acceptance of the term because of its two-word make up.

I wonder if any of these would find favour?

J. K. DARE.

*Wymondham, Norfolk.*

## Ceremony of Light

I CAN no longer refrain from joining in the debate in 'Open Hustings' on the question of the "Ceremony of Light". I want to assure Freddie Petch that there are not a few members in Toc H who wholeheartedly agree with him that the time has come for "its wording" to be changed "to make it sound logical to the grandsons of those men who were the first to be remembered and yet not destroy its meaning."

I have for a long time felt that the words of Laurence Binyon are far from adequate to express the true significance of our remembrance, though they may have meaning for that decreasing number of Toc H men and women who lived through the days of the 1914-18 war. I find them neither positive nor Christian enough to make their weekly repetition satisfying and relevant to the real purpose of 'Light' and our trusteeship of the Lamp of Maintenance. They suggest still to many outside the Movement an ex-Servicemen's organisation, the British Legion, or Remembrance Sunday.

It should be emphasised more often in our Branches that remembrance is only a part of the ceremony. Indeed, if we stay in the past, we have surely missed the whole point of its observance, for it is essentially a challenge—in the light of the example of the past—to Christian living in the present and the future. 'Light' is incomplete without an adequate (and greater) emphasis on rededication. Moreover, have we forgotten that the Lamp, which takes us back to the beginnings of the Christian Way, is the Lamp of *Maintenance*, not of Remembrance?

When I stand in a darkened meeting-place and see the penetrating flame of the Lamp I am reminded of the words of St. John in his Gospel, concerning the coming of Jesus into the world—"In Him appeared life, and this life was the light of mankind. The light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out." If no better words can be found, as an alternative to Binyon's lines, why not use these? And if St. John's words are not acceptable, then, for goodness' sake, let us

use guided silence as we stand around the Lamp, ending, as hitherto, with the words of Jesus, "Let your light so shine. . . ."

A last thought. Can't we keep our eyes open during the ceremony so that we do not miss the full effect of the symbolism? For this shining in the darkness surely represents Christ's radiance in the world.

SAM EVANS.

*Lee, London, S.E.12.*

I HASTEN to contribute my 1 quota to your members' views in regard to the Ceremony of Light. I wonder what special objection did the "Working Member" have to the Ceremony of Light which has ultimately conjured up so much ideas, suggestions and counter-suggestions. I simply see nothing wrong in this ceremony in honour of the Elder Brethren whose services we that are left behind hold in high regard and are endeavouring to emulate. There should be no change in the wordings of the Ceremony of Light and the "Working Member" who stated this 'heresy' should be satisfied with almost unanimous views of members throughout the world for the status quo of the Ceremony.

ABIOLA AJOMALE.

*Lagos, Nigeria.*

*The time has now arrived to call a halt on this subject and we warmly thank all correspondents whether or not their letters have been published—ED.*

## Inskip League

FOLLOWING on R. G. Adams' letter in the July JOURNAL, readers may like to know a little more about the Inskip League, which was founded in Oldham in 1949 by a few disabled men. The mainspring of the movement is the emphasis laid on getting disabled civilians to organise activities and outings, thus obtaining new interests and friendships and a fuller and happier life.

In 1954 a branch was formed in Rawtenstall, all the officials being disabled people. After seven years there are now 140 members in the town and also 250 associate members.

During ten months of the year, fortnightly concerts are given to audiences of around 120. Ambulances bring those unable to walk and other transport is provided by owner-drivers. In the summer a day at the seaside is arranged and at Christmas a large-scale tea party and concert.

Funds for these activities are raised by the members own efforts. Handicraft classes throughout the winter provide the goods for a Bring-and-Buy Sale. Those who cannot leave their homes receive visits and gifts from the League.

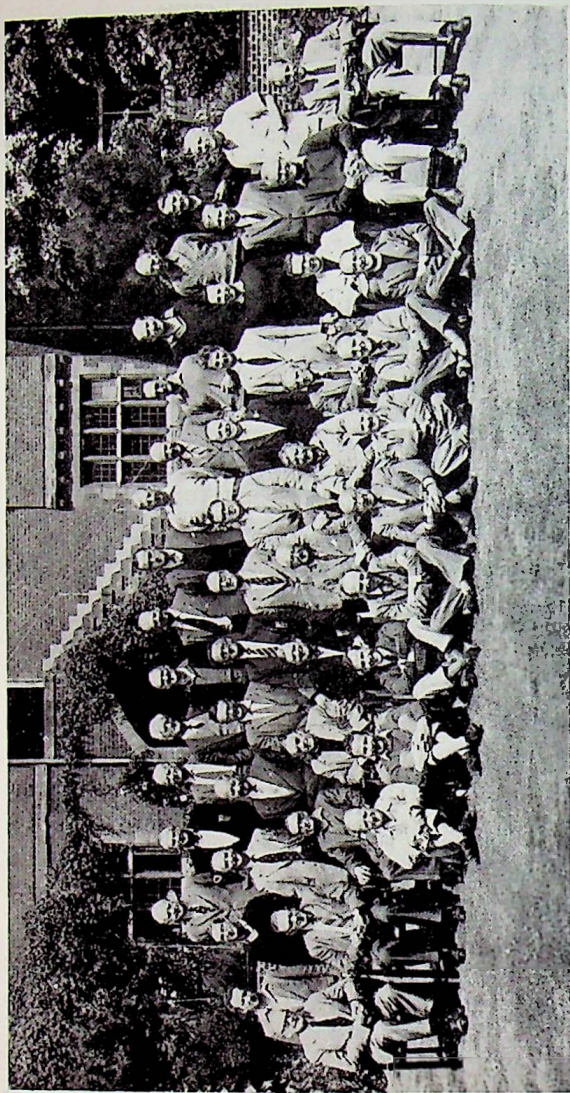
All in all, the Inskip League is an excellent example of self help, and its remarkable growth is evidence of a real need fulfilled.

KENNETH WILLIAMSON.

*Newchurch, in Rossendale, Lancs.*

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**NEXT YEAR : : JUNE 16-17, 1962**  
**THE TOC H FESTIVAL IN LONDON**  
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TOC H STAFF CONFERENCE : This year's gathering of staff men was again held in June at Westcott House, Cambridge. It is regretted that neither Caron G. Ireson, who led the devotional sessions, nor Tubby, whose heavy engagements only allowed a shortened stay, were present when the picture was taken



The framework of seats for the staff photograph

The names of those in the photograph opposite are given below, reading from left to right; the initials A.S. and A.P. stand for Area Secretary and Area Padre respectively


FRONT ROW (*seated on the lawn*): I. Fraser (*Lakeland A.S.*), R. C. Fabes (*Beds. & Herts. A.S.*), W. A. Hill (*Marks Pilot, Denmark Hill, London*), D. G. Freeston (*London Team*), J. E. Lucas (*Marks Pilot, Leeds*), G. R. Purdy (*West Mids. A.S.*), Rev. A. G. Knight (*Manchester and N.W.A.P.*), Rev. J. L. Gingell (*S.E. London A.P.*)

SECOND ROW (*seated*): R. R. Calkin (*General Secretary*), R. D. Smith (*East Anglian A.S.*), J. Harrison (*Finance Sec.*), Rev. R. J. Davies (*Administrative Padre*), J. Callf (*Administrator*), J. H. M. Shaw (*N.W. & Manchester A.S.*), C. V. Young (*Northern A.S.*), Rev. S. R. Smith (*Yorkshire Padre*), Rev. C. F. Pollard (*Kent & Sussex A.P.*), C. A. Cattell (*Kent & Sussex A.S.*), Lt.-Col. W. R. Elliot (*Schools Secretary*).

THIRD ROW: Rev. F. J. Green (*Eastern London A.P.*), K. Prideaux-Brune (*Asst. Schools Sec.*), F. G. Chesworth (*Editor, Journal*), E. R. Preston (*Commissioner B.A.O.R.*), G. Atkinson (*Warden, Dor Knap*), S. Swain (*Enroller of Builders*), Rev. H. J. Hobbs (*West Mids. A.P.*), G. A. Francis (*South Western A.S.*), A. V. Bean (*Warden, Talbot House, Southampton*), Rev. L. S. Rivett (*Yorkshire Padre*), Rev. D. M. Buxton (*Mark Padre, Leicester*), Rev. R. Grey (*South Western A.P.*), C. Wintle (*Press Officer*).

BACK ROW: M. B. Elson (*London Secretary*), W. F. Brooker (*Southern A.S.*), J. H. Clark (*Houses Sec.*), Rev. H. Devis (*Southern A.P.*), A. G. Churcher (*Training & Service Sec.*), K. R. Rea (*Accountant*), R. H. Stewart (*Scottish Sec.*), C. Stevenson (*East Mids. A.S.*), G. R. R. Martin (*Overseas & Forces Sec.*), G. L. Lee (*Lincolnshire A.S.*), F. C. Campbell (*Development Appeal Team*), K. A. Rogers (*Bursar*), J. B. Mac-Millan (*Western A.S.*), Absent at the time: Rev. Dr. P. B. Clayton (*Founder Padre*), Canon G. Ireson (*Leader, Devotional Sessions*).



An illustration at the top of the page shows several arrows flying from the left towards a man on the right. The man is sitting at a desk, looking up at the arrows with a surprised expression. On the desk, there is a typewriter and a sign that says "EDITOR".

## FROM ALL PARTS direct from areas

### **SOUTH WESTERN**

from Gilbert Francis

What a delight it was to welcome Don Mackenzie to the Area and at meetings at EXETER and LISKEARD to both hear and see something about the tremendous job that Don and Betty and their devoted team are doing at Botha's Hill T.B. Settlement. Few speakers could have inspired us as did Don, nor could they have made us feel more humble at being brought face to face with this example of the Family at work.

Some months ago SALTASH Branch spent a great deal of time and effort putting into operation an S.O.S. card scheme, with all the attendant organisation, training and explanation necessary to make it work properly. That it was all justified was proved a short time ago, when someone noticed a card in a neighbour's window and dashed in to find the neighbour collapsed on the floor and seriously ill. As a result of the Branch's publicity of the scheme the caller knew precisely what to do, and the sick person was soon in hospital. The doctor said that the prompt action taken had contributed very greatly to the patient's recovery and could indeed have been the means of saving her life. If this scheme is not at present operating in your neighbourhood, why not?

### **WEST YORKSHIRE**

from Fred Brook

The last strains of the Hymn of Thanksgiving had scarcely died away at the close of the Yorkshire Festival held at Huddersfield in May than the West Yorkshire Guard of the Lamp were laying their plans. They were planning what steps should be taken following the discussion on their members' reports of the Guard Conference held at Morley, in Derbyshire, a few weeks previously. The result? The issuing of a frank and challenging message to District Teams commencing "WE ARE RESOLVED to do whatever we can to implement these recommendations".

These men certainly cannot be branded "Leaders in the rear". They are arranging to meet each District Team—two by two—to Listen to the reports, Study their suggestions and Decide what can be done. (L.S.D. with a difference.) The problem, they think, is one of adaptability to present conditions and they are determined to try to make Toc H as effective in this day and age as when it met the needs of other times. So much for the planning.

Since then the timely visit to the Area of Alec Churcher has placed the seal on their project. Without doubt, the meetings addressed by Alec at Ackworth, Newsome and Northallerton were held at an opportune time and were characteristic of the diversity of the men in the Movement, of their different approach to the same



problems and their varying suggestions for solving them. Alec spoke on Training and left no one in doubt as to why and how this should be undertaken. Now, the Members of the Guard are anxious to test their theory that this is no time for sighing after old glories but rather to take advantage of new opportunities and make sure the language used, the methods employed, and the members themselves match the times. The arrangements for the All-Yorkshire Conference at Cayton Bay, Scarborough, on September 30-October 1 are complete. This should be a real fillip for the strenuous Winter programme ahead and it is hoped that the attractive and varied programme arranged for the weekend will draw a great number of members.

## **SURREY**

**from Bill Crook**

In a Child Cycling Championship held in Battersea Park, in which thirty-five teams from the Home Counties, representing local authorities, took part, the team from Woking came first. They hold a Challenge Shield presented by the motoring organisations for one year and the two girls and two boys who formed the team each won a new cycle. The extra training given to them to bring them up to perfection was all given by George Cox one of our members.

Meanwhile the normal cycle training continues and already this year we have passed 250 through the test and we hope to reach 400 by the end of the year and thereby attain a total of 2,000 over the past six years—an excellent effort on the part of a handful of members. Lest it be thought that Woking do it all in Surrey, it should be recorded that members of WEYBRIDGE also operate the training scheme in their area.

## **BEDS. & HERTS.**

**from Ray Fabes**

Cricket, gimmicks, groups and a marathon. The Area XI staged its first match with considerable success, winning in the last over, and introducing several new contacts to the surroundings of the National Children's Home at HARPENDEN, where we played an eleven comprising senior boys and Staff.

An electric sign flashing 'North Bucks. District welcomes Bedford District and Arnold Josty' was how one Central Councillor was welcomed when he went to report back from this year's meeting. I see so few gimmicks like this, that I often wonder where is our sense of humour. Full marks to WOLVERTON.

We now have one group recognised at BUCKINGHAM with suitable quarters which they will soon be busily decorating. Another quite large group of men are now meeting in BLETCHLEY and I don't think it will be long before they, too, will be making us sit up and take notice. Any contacts at either of these two places will be very welcome.

Eight members from the Area, who will remain nameless, believe they have established a marathon record—a five-hour solid card-playing session. Anyone who thinks he can break this record had better volunteer for all-night duty at next year's BEDFORD District Stockmen's Tent at the Agricultural Show.

Lastly our best wishes go with Terry Ellis from STEVENAGE who suddenly 'took off', without warning, and joined the R.A.F. last month; he is now at Bridgnorth.

## **SOUTH LONDON**

from David Freeston

One of the most worthwhile and useful jobs being performed in South London is probably one which is undertaken by Marksmen from DENMARK HILL. Every week a small team of Marksmen give up an evening to assist handicapped crippled folk on and off the coach which takes them from their homes to their local Club. This work demands a great deal of lifting and it is generally late in the evening when the helpers return to MARK XXII.

Bill Schofield, a blind member, was the chief organiser when CONEY HALL held their Annual Party for members of the Valiant Blind Club. Thirty visitors were entertained to tea and games followed by a coach trip to the Kent countryside. The previous Saturday they took children from Cheyne Hospital and Coney Hill School to Chessington Zoo. A convoy of three coaches, three vans for invalid cars and six private cars transported the party of 140.

"One of my nicest jobs" was how an A.A. Scout described his work, when helping with car parking arrangements at Keston Village Hall when 100 cripples arrived for the annual afternoon outing organised by DULWICH and WEST WICKHAM Branches and assisted by Camberwell Rotary Club.

A group has now been established at ADDISCOMBE and any likely contacts or enquiries should be sent to Ray Hazelton, 103, Bridle Road, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.

## **SOUTHERN**

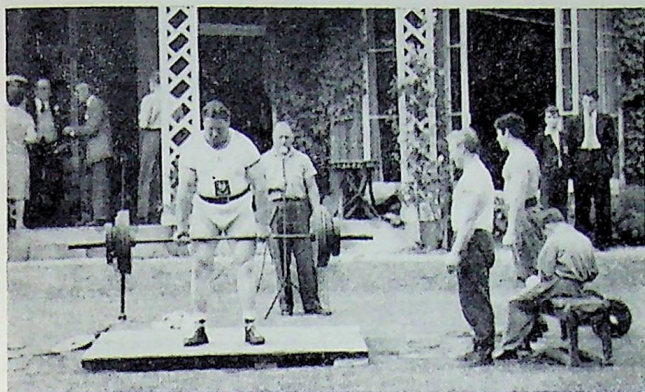
from Fred Brooker

The Garden Party held in the grounds of MARK V Southampton proved to be a very pleasant social occasion, as well as raising a very acceptable sum for the Mark, Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Hostel, Toc H, and Toc H Women's Association. The grounds were at their

best with many rhododendrons in full bloom. There was also the joy of having Tubby with us, and seeing him making the rounds of the various Stalls, stopping from time to time to greet old friends and new.

Cowes Branch in the Isle of Wight, have co-operated with BARKINGSIDE Branch, to give a much-needed holiday to a family of two children, mother and a disabled father. Barking-side knew of the family, and paid their fare down to Ryde. Cowes Branch, due to the kindness of the owner, had booked a chalet at Gurnard. All the necessary provisions for the holiday were provided by members and friends. The family were taken for outings round the Island. Every evening members and their wives called on the





Members of Southampton Olympic Weight-lifting Club put on a fine show at the Garden Party held in the grounds of Mark V, Southampton

visitors for a chat, and to make sure that they had everything they wanted. To raise funds for this job, the Branch ran a number of "Saturday Evening Specials", these being film shows of travel taken by members and friends, a collection being taken after each show to add to the fund for the holiday. Cowes Branch wish to thank all who helped them to make this a success

News has just come to us of the great success of the outing for disabled children (see "From All Parts" in May JOURNAL), which was organised—did you guess?—by the Branches in Guernsey. One hundred children were at the outing, they were conveyed to the site of the outing by two buses, loaned free of charge, also by a number of private cars. Amongst other things that were given were one hundred portions of ice cream, nine dozen bottles of pop, bread, butter, paper plates, sweets, etc. It can in fact be said that Toc H having shown the need, many folk in the Island were only too happy to make their own special contribution towards the success of the day. This is not the end of the story, already thoughts are turning to the Christmas Party, but in the months between members will be ready to help, in any way they can, the work that is going quietly on, in Guernsey, to make the lives of these less fortunate children as happy as can be.

## SOUTH WALES

from C. T. Edwards

The ancient battlements of Caerphilly Castle provided a grand setting for a two-day Rally held recently. It was rather disappointing to experience cold and wet conditions for our gathering but in spite of that, a very good crowd assembled on the Saturday to be officially welcomed by the Chairman of Caerphilly Urban Council, Councillor Lyn Williams, J.P. In his remarks Mr. Williams said that in this increasingly material world, personal concern and Christian service are probably more effective than the pulpit.



Our visiting Speaker at the afternoon session was Johnnie MacMillan, and at the evening meeting, after tea, Alec Churcher. In the setting of the Banqueting Hall the parade of Banners and Lamps, and the Ceremony of Lamp Lighting was most impressive.

On Sunday morning, a Service was held in St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, by invitation of the Rector, Canon J. D. Williams, the sermon being given by the Rev. Rees Emmanuel, B.A., Vicar of Bargoed. The final session of the Rally was held after lunch when Johnnie MacMillan was again the speaker.

TREFOREST Branch recently provided 300 O.A.P.s with tea and an evening's entertainment. This is the twenty-eighth year they have organised this party, and do the Old Folk look forward to it? Well done, Treforest!

A splendid weekend at Dor Knap attended by members from SOUTH WALES and the WEALD District was led by Mayne Elson, and so thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all that it was enthusiastically decided to arrange a similar gathering in 1962.

Members who have been privileged to meet and hear Don McKenzie while he has been over here will know how much he has to offer. A small meeting was held in CARDIFF on July 8 when Don came to see and talk to us. Listening to his moving story was an invigorating experience, and we are grateful to Don for giving us his time and himself.

## WEST MIDLANDS

from Bob Purdy

STRATFORD-ON-AVON Branch sent a letter recently to the Hospital authorities at Warwick pointing out the need for a full-time occupational therapist to be appointed and offering meantime the voluntary services of their members. An appointment has now been made.

BILSTON Branch endeavouring to aid a local youth musical party offered the use of their Branch meeting place as a venue for practising. This group—the Ramrods—have since won the 'Big Beat' Competition at Bingley Hall, appeared with Anne Shelton on a Radio Luxembourg show, but best of all entertained the old folk at Codsall No. 1 Branch meeting place, and children at Beckminster.

WULFRUN District ran a Garden Fete to raise funds to take ninety underprivileged children in Wolverhampton for a week's Camp at Kingswood. By this effort and from other sources the £200 required has been secured.

NORTH COTSWOLD District had a Garden Party at Broadway for the Family Purse as did DROITWICH Branch in the garden of one of their members.

The Annual MARK VI Fete was held in the Mark Garden and attended by a good crowd and blessed with excellent weather.

The MARCHES District weekend at Nash Court on Clce Hill was up to the usual high standard, especially during the sessions led by an Area Organiser of the General & Transport Workers' Union and the Managing Director of a Birmingham Manufacturing Company talking on "Relationships in Industry".

CASTLECROFT Branch have contacted Christchurch Branch in New Zealand and it is hoped that 35 mm. slides and taped commentaries will be exchanged between them on Branch life and work in their respective communities. A new and exciting version of 'implosion'.



Members of Carlisle Infantile Paralysis Fellowship entertained to a day's outing by Tyneside District that included a seaside visit to Whitley Bay

## **EASTERN LONDON**

from Jim Green

Two 'summery' events on a District scale have proved enjoyable and well-supported. The SOUTH-EAST ESSEX District held a 'mixed' Rally at the charming little village of Stambridge. George Davis, the new Chairman of the Central Executive, and Kathleen Owen, a former Chairman of the Women's Association, each spoke from their own experience of the Movement. An excellent tea was provided in the village hall and the day ended with a short service in the peace of the ancient village church.

The MID-ESSEX District turned up in great force for an outing to that pleasant centre of yachting, Burnham-on-Crouch. The local Branch arranged a very enjoyable afternoon with an interesting tour of the boat-building yards and a trip on the river. After tea all met for an hour for the exchange of news and plans.

## **EAST YORKSHIRE**

from Bill Hardy

The annual lighting of the Plumer Lamp, kept in York Minster, took place on July 20 during a service conducted in the Minster by the joint Area Padre, Ron Smith. A happy and significant thing about the occasion was the permission, kindly and gladly given by the Dean, for Ron, a Congregational minister, to take the Service. Members of York and Tadcaster Branches were present and 'Light' was taken by Frank Brown. After the service, Padre Len Rivett conducted the party round the Minster.

During the summer months, members of WEST HULL and COTTINGHAM Branches frequently meet together when tending the gardens of a Church Army Home and a Home for elderly ladies. BILTON Branch members are also kept busy maintaining three gardens in addition to remodelling their churchyard.

All HULL District Branches provided stewards at a local Carnival and they have again combined on two annual jobs—an outing for handicapped folk to Scarborough and another to Withernsea.

## **NORTHERN**

from Cecil Dick

For some time the MORPETH Branch members had been visiting a local Approved School at Netherton each month. However, after reading the article in the December 1960 JOURNAL, the members decided to widen the scope of their activity in this field.

With the support of other members in the District, a dance was arranged for members of a Church Youth Fellowship. This proved to be a great success. The following week twelve older boys from the Youth Fellowship were taken round the school at Netherton where they realised how their Fellowship could help. A month later fifteen Netherton School boys were invited to a Social Evening at the Fellowship, and most weeks since then four boys have been allowed as a privilege to join in the activities of the Fellowship.

Also, through Toc H, Durham School has an interest in Netherton, and last term two cricket matches were arranged with this Approved School. The Netherton boys will long remember their day at Durham. They remarked on the friendly atmosphere towards them and the discipline, being horrified that the Durham boys were not allowed to smoke!

## **NORTH WALES**

from Gwilym Edwards

Two children's Camps run in liaison with MANCHESTER and BIRMINGHAM Areas have been held at RHYL and PORTMADOC and many kiddies have seen the sea for the first time.

Old People's outings have been held in various parts of the Division. MOCHDRE Branch are very active in this respect and took a party of their old folk to Ruthin and the Mold Valley.

Arrangements are proceeding for the Divisional Conference to be held at the Y.M.C.A., RHYL, on October 7-8; invitations will be sent in due course to neighbouring Districts.

COLWYN BAY Branch's efforts to sponsor some of the overseas students in the town resulted recently in a request from Addis Adaba, from an ex-probationer, for admission to membership.

## **MANCHESTER**

from Derek Poole

Taking stock of ourselves just before Christmas 1960, we found that although the STOCKPORT DISTRICT CAMP was functioning, it was not expanding as a Toc H job should. We determined that a new attempt should be made to interest others (past attempts having failed), and the results this time have justified the extra work involved. A new hut 50 feet x 20 feet was given and erected for us. This made it desirable to purchase the field and pipe on water. The cost will be over £1,000.

New recruits have come to help staffing, and already a few are interested in Toc H generally. From new minds come fresh ideas. Old members can become so used to faults, as to overlook them completely. Here is a lesson. The camp is now running on longer weekends, with more children, whilst alterations are made in abundance. Donations, too, are being made with eagerness and the request to be kept in touch.

To what does one attribute this revival of interest? To letting others know of something in which they can take part in some way, and enjoy their contribution however slight; and the ever-willing members around us.





Some of this year's Winant Volunteers during their visit to Scotland

## SCOTLAND

from Reg Stewart

The party of Winant Volunteers from the U.S.A. reached the record figure this year of sixty-five. They were met at Prestwick by Tubby and representatives from AYR and PRESTWICK Branches, supported by a piper to give them a traditional Scottish welcome, entertained to lunch at a local hotel and then left for Glasgow where they were received by St. James' Church Youth Fellowship, Pollok. From Glasgow they went to Oban and had a stormy crossing to Iona. After spending four days at Iona they came over to Edinburgh where they were met by Tom Lorimer, Chairman, and members of the EDINBURGH Joint Committee of Toc H and Toc H W.A. at a function held in the Drill Hall, Stockbridge, kindly made available to us by our H.A.C. Bob Leslie. Due to the noble exertions of Anne Mackenzie, Chairman of Toc H Women's Association, Scotland, they were all found private accommodation in Edinburgh for the night. The next morning they were accorded a Civic Reception in the City Chambers.

Scotland was privileged to have an all too short visit from Don McKenzie, Hon. Commissioner of Toc H in South Africa. Don, with his wife Betty, spent a few days in Scotland visiting places of interest and also managed to find time to talk to a gathering in Edinburgh. Some eighty members of Toc H and Toc H W.A. and friends, drawn from as far afield as Paisley, Carlisle, Cumbernauld, Dunfermline, Stirling and the Borders, listened to Don's exceedingly interesting account of his great work amongst African T.B. patients at the Botha's Hill Sanatorium.

Another interesting visitor to Scotland this last month was Superintendent Fred Mackintosh from Jamaica who was attending the Scottish Police College. His description of life in Jamaica was particularly interesting, in view of the large number of emigrants from that country to Britain these days.

LADHOPE Branch held a Rededication Service in St. Peter's Church, Galashiels, and welcomed several members from Selkirk, Kelso and

a lone member of Toc H Women's Association from native Leicester. The Service was conducted by the Rev. George Scott, Padre of Selkirk Branch. Afterwards, members and their friends retired to the Church Hall for refreshments followed by a programme of entertainment and the inevitable Border Songsong.

Toc H SELKIRK was strongly represented at the Selkirk Common Riding during the month, a memorable occasion. A number of local old folk were entertained by John Gray and his wife, assisted by Toc H members, in their home overlooking the Market Square where the impressive ceremony of "Casting the Colours" took place.

An interesting inter-Branch operation took place when STONEHOUSE Branch in conjunction with Messrs. Phillips-Hamilton Works Ltd., took thirty under-privileged children from Dunavon House, Strathaven, through to Largs for a day's outing by the sea. To finance this trip, the sum of £45 had been collected over a period by employees of Messrs. Phillips. The children were entertained in the Toc H rooms at LARGS to a tea and then taken for a sail into the Firth of Clyde. Further entertainment was provided in the evening and the party escorted back to the Home by members of Toc H and eleven of Phillips' employees. It was quite apparent that to the latter this practical exposition of Service by Toc H was something new and several of the younger employees of the firm have now formed themselves into a team paying regular visits to this Children's Home.

Another combined operation on the part of two Branches took place when three dozen old folk from the Lucas Home near Oakley, Fife, were taken by cars provided by OAKLEY Branch to Alloa, where they were entertained by the ALLOA Branch.

## EAST MIDLANDS

from Colin Stevenson

The MID-NORTHANTS District Team organised an annual district get-together at Grendon Hall, the County Youth Centre, and invited the Northampton District to join them. The speaker was introduced by John Poole, District Chairman, as Mr. Arthur Davies, a Sierra Leonian. His subject was 'Colour Bar', and he was quite blunt in his report of what he had encountered at home and in England. At home there had been no evidence of colour bar, employed in a bank he had had two white assistants. In England he had experienced refusals to be considered as a tenant for a flat and as an employee, because of his colour. In the end he got the flat at an inflated rent. "Black your face and go job-hunting" he suggested. "You will find out for yourself." But there were exceptions, he acknowledged, and he had made many good friends. An extensive question time followed. 'Colour Bar' is a difficult subject which can generate heat but Mr. Davies was quite at home, and the fifty-six Toc H members departed to their homes a little wiser, a little sadder, a little more argumentative than before the evening began.

Members of MARKET HARBOROUGH Branch, in co-operation with members of the local Rotary Club, who provided most of the transport, arranged an outing for elderly and infirm folk. Although it was a miserable, rainy night, they thoroughly enjoyed their ride around outlying villages. A stop was made at ANSTEY where Toc H members had prepared refreshment and helped to entertain guests and drivers. The party included among the drivers the Chairman of the Urban District Council, Mr. J. Hobbs. Market Harborough members



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The Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, Councillor and Mrs. C. W. Swift, Lady Osborne, Sir Cyril Osborne and Alex Taylor at the East Midlands Area Festival

are looking forward to entertaining a similar party arranged by Netherall Branch. RAUNDS Branch report that the most exciting events of the past month were the election of a Branch member on the Urban District Council and a visit by the Branch to Garfres Hall Borstal Institution. The evening was spent in games at which the home side had all the luck! The Branch has been asked to go again.

LEICESTER District provided a night and day refreshment service for the stockmen at the Leicestershire Agricultural Show held on Braunstone Aerodrome. Twenty-five pounds of ham made into cobs, thirty dozen eggs and twenty-five pounds of bacon fried on a calor gas burner, thirty pounds of sausages and forty dozen rolls went into hot dogs. The stockmen told of a crying need for more of this catering, other Districts please copy. This also provided a substantial profit for the Family Purse.

PETERBOROUGH was the scene on Saturday, June 10, of the annual Area Festival, with many poachers from the neighbouring Lincolnshire Area sharing in. Peterborough Cathedral echoed to the sound of over 400 voices raised in praise and thanksgiving, and Padre Herbert Leggate made a welcome re-appearance from retirement to preach the Festival sermon. Also taking part in the service were the Dean, the Rt. Rev. N. C. Christopherson, the Area Padre, the Rev. Wesley Clifford, and Peterborough District Padre, the Rev. W. C. Gibbings.

For the evening session Alex Taylor (Westwood) was in the chair; Community Singing was led by Bill Whittle (Wellingborough); the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. C. W. Swift, gave an informal welcome. 'Light' was taken by a new member, Cyril Desborough and the Festival Address, a masterly survey of the shrinking world and the challenge facing Christians everywhere, was given by Sir Cyril Osborne, M.P. for Louth (newly knighted that very day). The Festival closed with homegoing prayers, and new and old friends said 'cheerio' until next year's gathering in another place.





G. Williams, Colwyn Bay

A party of Mochdre, North Wales, old folk on outing to Loggerheads as guests of Mochdre Branch

## LINCOLNSHIRE

from George Lee

Fetes, Galas, Garden Parties, Shows, Gymkhanas and the like have all been the order of the day in the Area. Apart from the one in Washingborough Hall, which 'coincided' with an incessant torrential downpour, all others have met with a wonderful measure of financial success which will benefit the Family Purse, or ensure that some local community job is continued for another year in strength. It is no mean feat for a village unit to raise over £50 in an evening event, but even that financial result is only a small measure of the support in so many ways received from so many good friends.

A new job has been undertaken by SUTTON-ON-SEA Branch. Realising that for most local blind people the only snatches of local news that most get hold of is more than likely in the realms of local 'scandal', the Branch members undertook to read and mark the various items in the 'local rag' and then, slowly turning the pages, have commented on items of news and views, sport, weddings, deaths and the whole bag of tricks into a tape recorder. The tape is then taken to the local Club for blind people and played over to them and this has indeed become one of the highlights of the Club meetings. A touch of colour is added in that the 'voice' is also local, and therefore instead of merely reading the news, can add footnotes and asides which makes the recording very real to the hearers.

The real highlight of the month in the Area, however, has been the Initiation of the first six new members into the group at HUMBERSTONE, the first new group in the Lincolnshire Area for several years. As Humberstone will soon be applying for Branch status all are working to ensure that from henceforth the Area will not be lacking in further groups.

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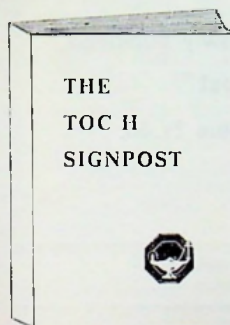
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